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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-12, 14-17, 23-26 and 37-52 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 13, 18-22 and 27-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of invention I (claims 1-7, 13, 18-22, and 27-36) and species 13 (Applicant states that all claims of invention I are readable on species 13) in the reply filed on 8/12/04 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the species identification was narrower than the claim language and that no claim was found generic. This is not found persuasive because Applicant did not identify which claim he felt was generic along with the claims to specific species which fall within the generic claim. Without Applicant pointing out which claims reciting particular species and their generic claim, the restriction stands. Applicant's statements regarding the wording chosen for the species identification is noted but is not a traversal requesting a reconsideration of the restriction/election requirement and is not further addressed.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Claims 20-22 recite the limitation "the second fluid container interface" or "the first fluid container interface" in lines 1-2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 7, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JORDAN (US Patent No. 5,875,282) or PINS (US Patent No. 2,475,590). Jordan and Pins each disclose a fluid heater including a radiant heater, plate heater, and controller capable of heating 125 ml/min 5-37 degrees C or 2 liters 10-37 degrees C in 13 minutes. Re claims 20 and 21 it is inherent that the interface has a higher melting point than the heater temperature or the fluid would not remain contained during heating.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 13, 18, 19, and 27-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by KAMIYAMA et al. (US Patent No. 5,271,086). Kamiyama discloses a fluid heater including a radiant infrared heater, secondary heater, controller, and temperature sensor connected to a pump. The device is capable of connecting to a catheter or tubing.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JORDAN or PINS as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of GORDON (US Patent No. 6,261,261). Jordan or Pins disclose the claimed invention except for a reflector. Gordon teaches the use of a reflector to achieve efficient heating (2:45-49). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the teachings of Gordon in the invention of Jordan or Pins to quickly heat fluid.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Hayes at (703) 305-5873. The examiner can usually be reached Monday -Thursday, 7:00-4:30, and on alternate Fridays. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchesi, can be contacted at (703) 308-2698. The fax number for submitting official papers is (703) 872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M J Hayes", with a stylized, cursive script.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER